



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1278)

In the Application of:)

Lawton *et al.*)

Serial No.: 09/765,739)

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Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: V. Ford

For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa M. W. Hillman', written over a horizontal line.

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